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**JGFDS-PR-124 ILLEGAL VENDOR SWEEP
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SUPERVISOR GONZALES APPLAUDS CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO REDUCE ILLEGAL VENDORS

(San Bernardino, CA) San Bernardino County Code Enforcement officers and Sheriff's deputies from the Fontana-area station this week continued to work to eliminate illegal vendors.

On May 25, 2005, officers and deputies targeted illegal fruit vendors in Bloomington and the unincorporated areas adjacent to Fontana. Starting at 5:30 a.m., they surprised fruit suppliers who drop off the vendors in the county areas.

Five persons were arrested and three vehicles full of fruit were impounded. About four tons of fruit were confiscated. Sheriff's deputies also confiscated more than \$1,400 in proceeds from illegal roadside fruit sales.

Additional sweeps are planned.

"This is the people's taxpayer money at work to reduce the illegal vendors who leave trash and do not pay sales tax. Illegal vendors also directly compete with and undercut our small business owners, who are the backbone of our economy," said Fifth District San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

"We will continue targeting locations known to attract these illegal vendors until they understand they are not welcome in our communities."

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